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Lower School Teachers Sports Scoreboard

Continuing the *Blotter* practice of presenting biographical sketches of teachers who have joined the Lower School faculty, we are introducing in this issue Mrs. Adele MacGregor, Miss H. Lovejoy Skinner, and Mrs. Elsie Towse.

Mrs. Adele MacGregor is a sixth grade teacher at Berkeley. She was born in Montreal, Canada, where she went to McGill University and received a Teacher's Diploma. Mrs. MacGregor also took courses at Sir George Williams University in Montreal. Mrs. MacGregor has previously taught in Rosedale School in Montreal. Her interests include reading, sports, and music. Two summers ago she visited Europe. She went to Switzerland, Italy, France, Germany, and Gibraltar. She enjoyed Italy best of all.

Miss H. Lovejoy Skinner is one of the new kindergarten teachers at Berkeley. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree at Brenau College in Gainesville, Georgia. Miss Skinner's interests include music and singing. She has taught at the Everett School, in New York. Her summers are spent at her home in Georgia.

Mrs. Elsie Towse is teaching the preschool at B. I. She was born in Vancouver, British Columbia. She attended the University of British Columbia and the Provincial Normal School. Mrs. Towse has a first class teaching certificate from the University of British Columbia. In Vancouver she taught both music and grade one. Her special hobby is music.

This issue of *THE BLOTTER* is a creative one. The diversified material presented here is just a sampling of the writing of some of the Upper and Lower School students. We hope it pleases you, and that it will make your holiday more enjoyable.

Because of bad weather, the Berkeley fall hockey season was not as full as scheduled and there could be no Black or Gold tournaments. In class games, the juniors defeated the sophomores two to one. Missy Helies made the sophomore goal; Ann Weber and Barbara Bullock each made a junior goal. The same day, the seniors defeated the freshmen five to zero. Eileen Costas made three goals and Maxine Yaffe, two. The next week the winners played each other. The juniors defeated the seniors four to three. Helen Epps and Ann Del Nunzio each made two goals while Maxine Yaffe made two and Carol Short, one. While this tournament was being held, the losers played each other. The sophomores beat the freshmen four to zero. Lynn Mansell made three of the goals and Betsy Pinkston, one. This culminated the hockey season. The hockey captains were Patricia Hummer, for the juniors; Ilona Sochynsky, for the sophomores; and Amy Moscowitz and Barbara Murray, for the freshmen. The seniors had no captain.

This fall, archery and tennis were also played, on Thursday afternoons. Tennis was held on the playground, and archery, in the gymnasium. Tennis ended in mid-November, but archery, along with volleyball, will continue into the winter.

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Officers Elected

Four elections were held on Monday, December 3. Anna Maria Sarcona was elected Secretary of the Junior Guild. Chosen as Vice-President of the Dramatic Club was Marianne Rocco. Susan Hermann was named Vice-President of the Glee Club. Cathy Villara was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Dramatic Club.

Christmas Dance To Be Held Cheryl Putnam Named Chairman

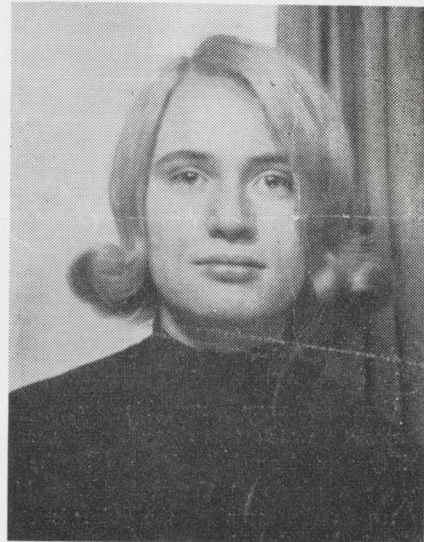
The girls in grades nine through twelve and their escorts are cordially invited to attend Berkeley's annual Christmas Dance. This year, the dance will be held in the Governor's Room at the Heights Casino on December 21 from 8:30 to 12:00. It will be, as usual, a formal affair.

The dance chairman is Cheryl Putnam. She will also supervise the invitation and ticket committee which includes Ilene Dorfman, Doralyn Fonte, Frances Teitler, and Laurie Spitz.

The theme this year will be "A Merry Christmas." On the decorating committee, headed by Sue Ellen Matorin, are Eileen Costas, Diane Sherman, Maxine Yaffe, and Marianne Rocco. The advertising committee, headed by Carol Sawade, includes Valerie Hallenbeck, Susan Drucker, Wendy Stone, JoAnn Valentino, Carol Short, Francene Samo, Rosemary Rizzella, Victoria Kaplan, Valerie DiBello, Regina Gambert, and Catherine Poulin. Several other girls throughout the Upper School have helped by making posters.

The chaperones will include Mrs. Theodora Day, Mme. & M. René Marandon, Mme. & M. Ralph Golby, Miss Joyce Miller, and Mrs. Opal Cant.

Cheryl Putnam, chairman of the dance, says, "It is with excitement that Berkeley girls await this traditional dance. I hope that everyone will attend and make it a very successful evening." See you at the dance!



Cheryl Putnam

Dates to Remember

- December 21—
Christmas vacation starts at noon;
Christmas Dance to be held at
8:30 p.m. at the Heights Casino.
- January 7—
Return to school, 8:45.
- January 21-25—
Midyear examinations.

Assemblies

The seniors presented an assembly on Thursday, December 6, entitled "The Arts." Their program included talks and slides on the industrial arts, fine arts, and sculpture, and the reading of several poems.

Liz Dore was chairman of the program. Regina Gambert, Laurie Spitz, Sue Ellen Matorin, Eileen Costas, and Valerie Hallenbeck were on her committee.

During the assembly, Sue Ellen Matorin discussed Renaissance art. Eileen Costas read "Isabel" by Ogden Nash, and "Bootless Speculations" by Phyllis McGinley. She was accompanied on the piano by Marianne Rocco. Valerie Hallenbeck read "The Ballad of the Harp Weaver" by Edna St. Vincent Millay. Vicky Kaplan talked on modern sculpture, and Gail Kleinman talked on ancient sculpture. Susan Drucker explained Venetian and Moravian glass blowing; Rosemary Rizzella spoke on Florentine leather-making in Santa Croce.

On December 13, Mr. Robert H. Whitstock visited Berkeley Institute. He explained to the students the training of seeing eye dogs. Mr. Whitstock, a graduate lawyer and former instructor in history at the New York Institute for the Blind, joined the staff of the Seeing Eye on June 1, 1957, as administrative assistant.

Blinded at the age of seven, Mr. Whitstock was graduated in 1952 from Hamilton College, where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Delta Sigma Rho, the national honorary debating society. He is also a graduate of Harvard Law School and a member of the New York State Bar Association.

Cultural Presentations At B. I.

December 14, the Berkeley Institute Dramatic Club presented *The Swan*. This play, written by Ferenc Molnar, was directed by Miss Islay Benson. *The Swan* takes place in a mythical European kingdom of the twentieth century. The play revolves around the courting of Alexandra by her two suitors, Prince Albert and her young tutor.

Thursday, December 20th proved to be quite an exciting day for members of the Berkeley Institute Glee Club. Under the direction of Mrs. Doris V. Solomon, the Glee Club performed both in Berkeley's Assembly and at the Christmas Tree lighting ceremonies at the Williamsburgh Savings Bank of Brooklyn. The Glee Club's special performance at Berkeley included *Tantum Ergo*, by Kodaly; *Hodei; Green-sleeves; Alleluia*, by Boyce; *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*, by Tallis; *Alle, Psallite*, for which John Ceravolo, the Glee Club accompanist, played a drum, and *Panis Angelicus*, by Franck, for which Ilene Dorfman was soloist.

Following their performance at Berkeley, the members of the Glee Club journeyed to the Williamsburgh Savings Bank of Brooklyn to take part in their festivities of the Christmas Season. The Glee Club provided the singing, which accompanied the lighting of the Christmas tree.



C.S.

"We Wish You a Merry Christmas"

Know Your City

by JANE LEVINE

Staying in New York City for Christmas? Yes? How lucky you are! I can't think of a better place to spend a vacation. Many people disagree with me. I am determined, however, to prove my point. Where is the tallest Christmas tree? Where is St. Patrick's Cathedral? Where is Tiffany's? New York City, of course!

For a way to spend a delightful day, try this. Get up at eight o'clock and take either the BMT, or IRT, or IND to Manhattan. Take a friend along so that you can share the fun with her. Leave the subway at 57th Street. There, you will find a delightful Automat where you can have an exotic breakfast, or just an ordinary meal. The Automat has free ketchup, salt, sugar, water, and mustard. All you need to do is to fill in the rest. After a hearty meal (at a very reasonable price), take a brisk walk up Fifth Avenue. Notice the stores brightly decorated for the holiday season. Visit F. A. O. Schwartz, a toy store, at nine o'clock. On the first floor you will see many unusual dolls and stuffed animals. On the second floor you can walk through a doll house, see a puppet show, play with games, or drive toy trains. All this at the low cost of nothing!

Continue your excursion by stopping at Rockefeller Center to watch the skaters. You can try your linguistic ability at a French book shop in the Center. If you wish to see a movie at the Radio City Music Hall from nine to ten in the morning, the price is only ninety cents. But go only if it is raining.

Buy some roasted chestnuts, if you like them; if you don't, buy them anyway. No doubt your friend will like them. Now, take a walk to 34th Street to the Empire State building. Look up—it will cost you \$1.50 to look down.

Lunchtime is here already. There are many good restaurants in the city. If the budget allows, try La Fonda Del Sol in the Time and Life building. This restaurant has a Mexican decor and is simply charming. If you're "star-struck" or just plain hungry, why not eat at the Stage Delicatessen? The service is excellent and the prices are moderate. If money is low, you might go back to the Automat. The food there isn't bad; besides, you probably have nickels left over from this morning's excursion.

After lunch, visit Steuben Glass and pick up a pamphlet. Be careful not to break anything; otherwise, the day might be more expensive than you had originally planned.

Browse through the numerous bookstores; don't forget the many art galleries open to the public. Leaving now? No! You must have a soda at Hicks, on 53rd Street, where the counter men wear pin-striped shirts.

I'm afraid it's time to buy that second token for the return trip to Brooklyn. I hope your day has been as good as I planned it to be.

New York City offers everything to you for a wonderful Christmas vacation. Visit the city and make it your city.

To most people a savage nation is one that doesn't wear uncomfortable clothes.

—Finley Peter Dunne.

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Dates and Data

Phyllis Joan Marsteller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Marsteller, has been named to the Dean's list for high academic standing at Pembroke College, Providence, Rhode Island. Miss Marsteller graduated from Berkeley Institute in 1960. She is a candidate for the Bachelor of Arts degree, Class of 1964.

There was an exhibit of watercolor paintings by Sally Eve Troxell, at Holiday Hills, Pawling, New York, from Sunday, November 4, through Sunday, December 2. Miss Troxell is a graduate of the Berkeley Institute (class of 1957). She graduated from Elmira College in 1961. She is currently teaching elementary art at Pawling Central School.

A God is Born

When Zeus assigned tasks to the gods, he neglected one very important job. Among fourteen-year-old girls, there is an urgent need for a god to supply boys when the necessity for them arises. Some girls have older brothers to help them out. Other girls have mothers who have friends with sons. For the girls who do not have the good fortune to be in this position and for the girls whose mothers and brothers do not have very good taste in boys, Zeus realized a god was needed. He therefore called before him one day Mascula, the god of young men.

Mascula was ordered to report to Earth to make a survey of the situation and decide on the tactics to be used. He spent many days wandering around among the young people so that he could get a good idea of what to do about this problem. At first, he was quite bewildered by teenagers who never seemed to know quite what they wanted. He thought he would have to give up the whole project. Fortunately, Zeus was aware of Mascula's difficulties, and one summer evening he sent a thunderbolt down to him with a plan.

Mascula was ordered to disguise himself as a telephone. In this form he visited each girl who had a problem. Of course, this procedure required a great deal of time, but since gods do not worry about time, it wasn't long before he had a picture of each girl's dream. From then on it was simple for Mascula to fill the orders.

It was a very happy world that Mascula left behind him when he returned to the home of the gods.

by Beryl Silverstein,
Grade 9.

Sounds

There are a lot of sounds. There is the chirp of crickets, the sharp squeak of an old door, the sound of money jumping around in a pocket, the sound of rain dripping into a puddle, the bark of a dog, and the meow of a cat. Yes, there are a lot of sounds. Which one do you like?

The sound I like is the sound of water. I like to hear water running into a bath. I like it when it seems to sound like a big splash and a tip, tap, tap. Then the bath is full and the water from the faucet seems to dig a hole in which to put itself.

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Inquiring Reporter

After asking everyone in the Upper School "Whom do you admire most and why?" the inquiring reporter has received a wide variety of answers. About a quarter of the school most admired some member of their immediate families, and another quarter picked some member of the President's family. Other answers were:

Wendy Stone, Grade 12—"Abe Lincoln—he was truthful and honest, two traits which I admire in any individual."

Susan Drucker, Grade 12—"I admire Pearl S. Buck because of her deep affection and understanding for people of different races and countries, and her determination to have people understand each other."

Victoria Kaplan, Grade 12—"I admire Dag Hammarskjöld most. He was dedicated to his work and had great courage."

Frances Teitler, Grade 12—"I admire Albert Schweitzer because of his dedication to mankind. He has taught men how to live in our world today, and has done much to improve the living conditions in uncivilized lands."

Linda Swanson, Grade 12—"Helen Keller—determination and strength of character and perseverance."

Susan Okun, Grade 11—"I admire Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Even though he had a handicap, he made a name for himself, became President of the United States, and guided us through the war."

Alice Owens, Grade 10—"Most of all I admire Queen Elizabeth II. In all the books I have read about her, I have been shown her devotion to her duty as a monarch and her self-discipline in enduring the tiresome duties of royalty."

Christine Sherman, Grade 8—"One person I admire particularly is Richard Nixon. I admire him for two main reasons. First, I admire his ability and desire to be a good politician. Second, I admire his everlasting faith and courage as shown in his political career."

Karen Bogen, Grade 8—"The person whom I admire most is Milovan Djilas, a former Communist who had a choice between following his conscience or the Communist Manifesto, and at the end chose democracy. I admire Milovan Djilas because of his great courage and devotion to the principles of freedom and honor, as well as his intelligence. I believe that he is a living illustration of the durability of the human spirit."

Pat Gordon, Grade 9—"I admire Danny Kaye. I can't see how one man can undertake as much as he does. He is interested in people whom he never met or knew. His main purpose is just to help them."

Debbie Clancy, Grade 9—"The man I admire most in the world today is Winston Churchill. I think he displays and has continually shown courage that we all should try to match."

Felice Ader, Grade 9—"The person I admire most is the Secretary General of the United Nations, U Thant. I admire him because of his courage in accepting the position of Secretary General, which in these times of international difficulty is such an important and difficult position."

Judith Atkins, Grade 7—"I admire astronaut Alan B. Shepard. It must take great courage and skill to do what he did. He led the way for many space flights to come."

Janette Birr, Grade 7—"The person I most admire is Bob Hope. I admire him as a singer and an actor. I also admire him for his bravery during World War II."

Shayne Raze, Grade 7—"The person whom I admire most is Edgar Allen Poe. I think some of his poems and short stories are the best I have read, and are filled with imagination. Although he had many hardships, such as both his parents dying in the same year when he was still quite young, he managed to achieve greatness. I admire this man for his great imagination, which he brings out wonderfully in his vivid poems and short stories."

Anna Maria Sarcona, Grade 10—"There are so many wonderful people that I admire that I cannot say which one particular person I admire the most. If I had to state the people I do admire, the list would be quite a long one."

Barbara Wasserman, Grade 7—"I admire Benjamin Franklin because I think he was a great help to this world. I also admire him for his many talents. I admire Benjamin Franklin and I wish there were many more men like him."

Amy Moskowitz, Grade 9—"I admire Adlai Stevenson. He has kept the United States from any unnecessary and destructive arguments with other nations."

Susan Raber, Grade 8—"The person whom I admire is Charles De Gaulle. He is a man with a lot of strength. I think he helped France a great deal."

Do You Know These?

The following questions are designed to test your general information. Score ten points for every correct answer. A score of sixty is passing, seventy good, eighty or more excellent. The answers are on page four.

1. The study of herpetology deals with what form of animal?
2. Is eighteen carat gold pure gold?
3. Name two Presidents who were assassinated.
4. How many rays does a starfish have?
5. Who was the author of *The Little Prince*, *Night Flight*, and *Flight to Arras*?
6. A Doberman Pinscher is a cross breed of what two breeds of dogs?
7. One of the longest novels ever written is *Anthony* . . . ?
8. Mr. Darcy is a character in what well-known novel?
9. Name the poet who wrote "Gunga Din."
10. What is the sailor's horn pipe?

The Falling Star

At night when you see a falling star,
In the sky so bright,
Then you wonder to yourself,
If they're made of light.

You watch and watch all night long,
Seeing them go by.
It makes you think and wonder,
What's really in the sky?

by Diane Mansell,
Grade 5F.

What is Green?

What is green?
The dress of a forest queen.
What is black?
A sinner trudging with his pack.
What is brown?
An elfin crown.
What is yellow?
A harp played by a lonely fellow.
What is red?
The cheeks of a girl working for bread.
What is blue?
The eyes of a child are sometimes blue.

by Linda DeGaeta,
Grade 5F.

The Day Santa Forgot Christmas

Santa was sitting in his chair. Mrs. Santa came in and said, "Santa, come in here!" Santa got up from his chair and went into the other room. Mrs. Santa said, "Santa, I want you to take a nap before you deliver presents to the children." So Santa went up to his room and fell asleep. Every minute Mrs. Santa would look at the clock to see if it was time for Santa to deliver presents. At last, it was time, but Santa hadn't gotten up! Mrs. Santa knew that her husband did not want to be awakened, but she tapped lightly on the door. Still Santa did not wake up! So Mrs. Santa dressed up in Santa's suit. She used a pillow for her tummy and a fake beard for her chin. Santa's helpers gave her the sack of toys. The reindeer were already ready. She put the sack of toys into the sleigh. She rode off in the sleigh and delivered all of the toys.

by Brian Holtan,
Grade 3K.

Ancient Egypt

The Gift of the River tells the history of ancient Egypt. The first men who lived in the Nile Valley were wandering tribes of hunters. The chapter I enjoyed most was the story about the origin of writing. When the scribes were first trained, they would draw a picture and use it as a word. Later these pictures stood for parts of words, or syllables. Finally the Egyptians worked out an alphabet of twenty-four consonants and signs for vowels. After the scribes learned the twenty-four consonant alphabet and the vowels, they began to make records. The scribes wrote first by carving into stones. They later learned to write on papyrus scrolls.

The second chapter that I enjoyed was "The Royal Servant," which told about Uni, a ten-year-old boy. When Uni became ten, he was known as a man. The government gave him a job in the court as an important officer. Uni thought this was a great challenge. Uni worked for King Teti, and was one of his trusted servants until the next Pharaoh came to the throne. After Uni became fifteen, he was told to collect an army and to march against the Arabs.

I learned a great deal about ancient Egypt and its customs from this book.

by Dale Gilson,
Grade 6L.

Clou and Hephaestus

There was once a beautiful young girl whose name was Clou. She was a very unhappy girl and cried much of the time. She cried because there was famine. She cried because there were wars. She cried because there was disease. She cried for almost all the bad things in the world.

When Hephaestus saw her cry, he fell in love with her and tried to stop her crying. He took her to the palace of the Sun God to try to dry up her tears, but he could do nothing for her. Hephaestus took her to Iris, the goddess of the Rainbow. He hoped that she would be able to help Clou, since she changed the rain into a bow of colors. But she could not. Finally Hephaestus took her to Zeus to see if he could help Clou. Zeus told Hephaestus to show Clou the full radiance of Fire, and when he did, Clou died.

Hephaestus pined away until Zeus decided he had to do something for him. So, as a memorial to Clou, Zeus invented clouds which wept and wept. One time Hephaestus tried to dry up the clouds but when they saw what he was about to do, they ran away. That is why the clouds move across the sky.

by Lora Fritz,
Grade 9.

Sports Scoreboard

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The class volleyball captains are: Valerie DiBello, for the seniors; Karla Berlin, for the juniors; Erina Wulwick, for the sophomores; and Jill Hartsock, for the freshmen. In the first two games the seniors defeated the freshmen forty-four to four; the juniors beat the sophomores, twenty to fourteen.

The Fall

Fall is the time of silver and gold,
Summer is gone and the year grows old.

The golden touch is all about me on
the pumpkin and the corn,
Silver is the frost that greets me in the
chilly, early morn.

by Joyce Fishman,
Grade 5B.

The City and The Country

In the city every morn,
Off alarm clocks go.
But in the country on a farm,
You hear the rooster crow.
During daytime on a farm,
Cows are mooing for their hay.
While in the city, roads are full
Of noisy cars each day.

In the city you can hear,
The sounds of working men.
Through the day on a farm,
The pigs are squealing in the pen.
During autumn on a farm,
There is a noisy harvest sound.
But in the city and the town,
Briskly leaves fall to the ground.

by Pamela Mandel,
Grade 5F.

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Sounds

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I also like to hear the sound of people splashing in the ocean and the sound of waves breaking on the shore.

by Robert Greenbaum,
Grade 5B.

Answers to Quiz

1. Snakes or reptiles
2. No; it contains other metals.
3. Abraham Lincoln, William McKinley, James A. Garfield
4. Five
5. Antoine de Saint-Exupery
6. German Shepherd and the Fox Terrier
7. Adverse
8. Pride and Prejudice
9. Rudyard Kipling
10. A dance

Christmas

Every winter the water freezes into ice and a blanket of snow covers the ground. It snows practically all day. The cold wind makes your cheeks and ears numb. Santa Claus goes down all the chimney tops on Christmas Eve and leaves presents for children.

by Michael Rabkin,
Grade 3K.

Rip, The Viking

There once was a Viking named Rip, Who packed all his gear in a ship. He sailed to the West, In his very best vest, And was heard to say, "Wow, what a trip!"

by Robert Thurber,
Grade 4L.

The Little Princess

There once was a little princess who loved Christmas. She was a good little princess. She always got fancy toys from her mother and father. Her toys, however, kept disappearing. Her mother and father wondered where they all went. One Christmas, they saw her go into an orphanage. Why did she go in there? She was giving her toys to the orphans. What a good little princess she was!

by Jennifer Gordon,
Grade 3K.

The Puppy

It was a cold, stormy night. It was snowing hard. I was studying about a place in China. All of a sudden I heard a very loud whine. I went to the window. There, shivering underneath a tree, was a puppy. I showed it to my mother but she said we couldn't keep it. She told me to put it back in the yard. I couldn't bear to do that. I pretended to take it to the yard, but instead I put it under my bathrobe. I sneaked upstairs to my room. I got in bed and snuggled the pup close to me. He licked my face.

by Lucy Pinkston,
Grade 4T.

My Trip

Did you know that in a museum in Philadelphia you can move twelve feet forward and twelve feet back, in an old steam engine? One Sunday afternoon last summer, I visited The Franklin Institute. This museum has an old steam engine and many other fascinating exhibits.

I heard my own voice in The Bell Telephone Room and saw the sound

waves. Up in the marine section, I saw many models of ships and I turned a ship's wheel. There was also a science museum with many exhibits about chemistry, electricity, and gas.

The museum also has a very interesting and amusing show called the Nickelodeon. It is an old time movie theatre with silent pictures and a player piano which makes music.

The display I liked best was called "The Engine of Life," or the human heart. I went into this giant heart; I passed through huge veins and arteries. I walked through all of the divisions of the organ. It was truly interesting to see all of these exhibits.

by Noel Bickford,
Grade 6M.

Mickey at the Bat

It was the fifth inning and Mickey was up at bat. The pitcher had two balls and two strikes on Mickey. The next pitch was a high, fast ball. Mickey swung; there was a crack as the bat met the ball. The ball took off in a high arc towards center field and disappeared into the sky. This was the longest homerun in Major League history.

It was the last game of the World Series. It was the seventh inning and Willie Mays came to bat and hit a three-run homer. The score was then three to nothing in favor of the Giants.

It was the ninth inning. Mickey was up at bat. The bases were loaded. Mickey hit a grand slam homer and the Yankees won the World Series. The final score was Yankees four, Giants three.

by Michael Piscelli,
Grade 4L.

The Pilgrims

The Pilgrims came from England. They wanted to be free. During the winter they had a very hard time. During the summer, however, they grew corn and many other vegetables. That fall all of the people said to God, "This is a good Thanksgiving."

by Webster Watnik,
Grade 2K.

Stars

The night is very dark. The stars are in the sky. In the morning when I wake up, I see the sun in the sky. Then before I go to bed, I see the stars outside again.

by Nancy Colson,
Grade 2V.

The Plane

While standing in the rain, I saw a plane, Flying high In the sky.

by Diane Braunstein,
Grade 2V.

My Pets

Once upon a time I had a goldfish. I named him Saskatchewan. He had a bowl and some fish food. He was very cute, but he died. I was very sad. Then we moved. Now I have two guinea pigs. I like them. They are fun to play with.

by Gina Cuzio,
Grade 3T.

Bobby

I have a bull dog named Bobby. I walk him every day. He is named after the London Bobbies. My dog is very well trained; he keeps strangers away from my house. He loves to eat and to sleep. Every night he lies right on the rug next to me. His head is round just like a ball. When he stands on his hind legs, he is as tall as a four-year-old child. When his ears stand up they are five inches long. Bobby is one year older than I am. He is now nine years old. Bobby and I have fun together.

by Adrian Driggs,
Grade 3T.

The Fair

My class made toy Santa Clauses for the Berkeley Fair. They will look pretty on a Christmas tree, a window, or on a door. My mother and my brother went to the fair. Did you go?

by John Hansen,
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